



Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

"It takes a village to raise a child."

As we come to end of our academic year, I have been reflecting on the how many people are part of our school community and what a difference they make to what we do. I may be the head teacher of this fabulous school, but our school is nothing without every person who brings something to make a difference to the children in it.

I want to thank the staff team for all that they do. Each and every one of them is valued and just amazing in all that they give. Working in a school is a vocation; from our teachers and TAs, to all of the people who work behind the scenes making sure we run as smoothly as possible, the children flourish because of them. The summer holidays is a time of restoration for all after a busy year and also a time to prepare for the next one. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all a wonderful break.

To our governors, often a silent partner from a parent perspective, I can't thank them enough. They listen, they care, they challenge, they make decisions with the children at the heart of whatever they are considering. They are there to celebrate and they are there to lift us up. They come into school and support when we need them and undertake their significant role as volunteers unstintingly. We continue to have a parent governor vacancy at Redbrook and it would be wonderful to fill this gap in the coming term. Please do get in touch if you are interested and Mr Haines, our chair, will happily have a chat with you.

I also want to thank all of the people who have volunteered and helped us in school this year. At Redbrook, we are blessed to be supported by our parent, church and village community. Sometimes the support is practical, sometimes it's financial and sometimes it's a few kind words or a prayer. Every single person who has been part of that support network - thank you! You bring a richness to our school that builds on what we do every day. We are blessed to have you as part of our team.

To our families - thank you too! You get the children into school every day ready to learn. You support them at home with their learning and you support each other. We are extremely fortunate to have wonderful children attend Redbrook and this is a testament to all of you.

Finally, I want to wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer break. Whether you choose to spend it at home or away, I hope you can have some time as a family. To our Year 6 children and families, who won't be returning to us in September, I wish you every joy and success, you will be missed greatly but we also know you will continue to flourish beyond our small school. To those of you returning to us in September, we can't wait to see you again on Wednesday September 4th ready to Love, Learn and Live out another wonderful year at Redbrook.

With love

Natalie Frey

Robin Class



What a busy and fun-filled half term! The children have enjoyed a wealth of learning experiences.

Reception started off the half term with a trip to Bristol Zoo Project. The children were a credit to themselves and the school, they had a wonderful time. Sports day was a fantastic event; the children each took part with such enthusiasm and gave their all! They worked so well in their teams and it was lovely to see Kingfishers supporting Robins & cheering them on too.

We enjoyed a celebration of 10 years of the Redbrook Village Shop - thank you for inviting us. The children enjoyed making a card & talking about their visits to the shop! The children had an adventure filled day at Viney Hill, building rockets, finding animal footprints & forest walks. More recently, we visited Bears Farm in St Briavels, where the children learnt how to light a fire safely, toasted marshmallows, explored the woodland and streams, as well as feeding chickens & sheep! We all had a great day, thank you so much to Tim & Emily for having us.

The children have enjoyed exploring our texts of 'Stanley's Stick' & 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. They have produced some wonderful writing and are becoming more independent, while using their key skills within their writing. They have also been busy planting, in our outdoor area and in our planters by the Church. Thank you so much to Rebecca (Jack's Mum) and Mark Bick for giving their time to prepare the area for us to plant, as well as organising funding through the ACE Project in Monmouth.

We hope you have a lovely summer break, and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September.

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell

Viney Hill





Bearse Farm











Fun in Robins









Kingfisher Class



Where has the year gone?! This last half term seems to have flown by and suddenly we're preparing for transition and looking forward to the summer holidays!

This half term has ended the year on such a positive note. The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Viney Hill and were a credit to the school, showing support and encouragement for others, building essential team-work skills and our core values of courage and resilience.

The Year 6s have taken part in the Leavers Ceremony at Gloucester Cathedral, which was a wonderful experience. They have also engaged in various transition activities including visiting their new secondary schools. They are ready for the next chapter of their educational journey!

Sports Day was a huge success and was a lovely opportunity for the whole school to celebrate sport and enjoy some healthy competition down on the field. Again, the children demonstrated their support and encouragement for one another.

The summer performance of 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' was outstanding! Thank you to everyone for their support.

I have been very proud of the hard work, perseverance, effort and achievement the children have demonstrated over the course of this year. A big thank you, to you all, for your year of support! It has been much appreciated.

I wish the Year 6s the best of luck at their new schools. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break, and a well-deserved rest in preparation for the next academic year.

See you in September!

Best Wishes

Miss Chambers











Nut Free School



We have a child in school with an allergy to peanuts. We ask parents NOT to send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child. This includes Nutella, peanut butter and cereal bars containing nuts.

We appreciate your co-operation and understanding.

Malvern

The children across the Federation really took ownership of our Lion King Garden and we were so proud of them and all their work both leading up to and during the Malvern Show.

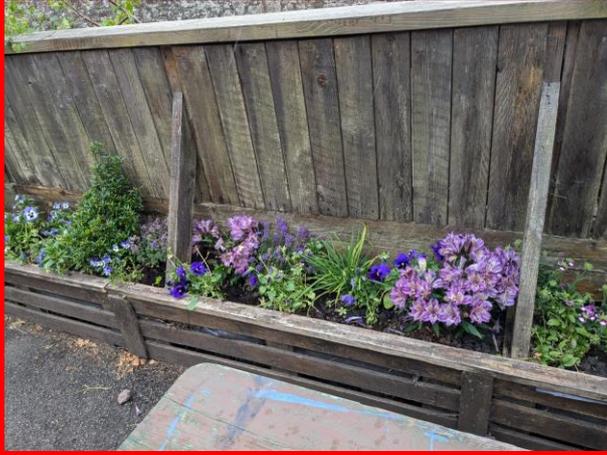
We featured in the local newspapers, on Gardener's World and on the Cloud Gardeners YouTube channel as well as receiving many wonderful comments about both the garden and our children!

The theme for next year has just been announced and is 'Around the World in the School Garden Challenge way!' We need to design a garden using a country or city as inspiration.

We were delighted to win the prize for best use of recycling for our school garden and have continued this theme in Gardening club by recycling yet again all the plants which were used in our Malvern garden, in various ways at both schools.

The outdoor classroom area at St Briavels, which originally came back from another Malvern Garden, needed a revamp and gardening club decided to continue our colour themed planting from our Lion King Garden and replant this area.







We are also in the process of relocating our wonderful Willow Lion atop his piano along the side of the school field and designing a new Lion King area around him with the remainder of the plants.

At Redbrook we have found a home for a zebra and a warthog planter and have plans to relocate the meerkats in their own rock garden!





We will be running gardening club again next academic year from September to the Oct half term and then starting again after the February half term once the weather improves. If you would like to join us, we meet on Friday at St Briavels from 3.20-4.20, KS 1 children will need to bring an accompanying parent please.

Open The Book











This has been our third year of running a weekly OTB worship at Redbrook and we have really enjoyed working with the children and watching their confidence to perform grow.

We are a team of 4 volunteers who meet for half an hour before sharing an acted-out Bible story with the help of a few children each week, we use the resources provided by the OTB publication and help the school by providing one of their weekly acts of worship.

If anyone would like to join us and expand our team, we are always happy to include new volunteers.

Reminders for September

School Opening times

In September, please remember:
Doors open for children at 8:40am

All children must be in school by 8:50am for registration

Registration after lunch is at 1pm

The school day ends at 3:20pm

School Uniform

If your child is leaving / has grown out of their uniform, we would appreciate all uniform donations to the office please. Other parents can then use it for a small donation to FORS (our PTA).

Here is the link to our uniform supplier, Price and Buckland: <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/redbrook>

School Uniform

- School or plain blue polo shirt
- School logo sweater or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers / shorts, skirts or pinafore dress

- Grey or black tights (where worn)
- Optional red gingham dress in summer
- Black shoes or smart black trainers

PE Kit

- School PE t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt
- Pair of black shorts and/or plain (no logos) black joggers
- Trainers suitable for doing PE in (do not need to be a specific colour)
- Junior children will require a thin waterproof jacket for outside games

School Office hours

Please note that the school office will be closed over the holidays and not open until September 4th. E-mail will be checked very occasionally. The office is always staffed during term times between 8.30 and 1pm, and usually outside these times.

Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 19 July 2024

INSET - Monday 22 July

INSET - Monday 2 September

INSET - Tuesday 3 September

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Wednesday 4 September 2024

Tuesday 10 September - Welcome to Kingfisher Class - Parent Meeting with Miss Chambers - Kingfisher classroom 3.20pm

Thursday 12 September - Welcome to Robins Class – Parent Meeting with Miss Marfell - Robins classroom at 3:20pm

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 25 October

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Monday 4 November

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Term Dates can also be found on our website at: <https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web>

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tues		3	10	17	24	Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26			
Wed		4	11	18	25	Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27			
Thur		5	12	19	26	Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28			
Fri		6	13	20	27	Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	1	8	15	22	29				
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	2	9	16	23	30				
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	3	10	17	24					

DECEMBER							JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23					

MARCH							APRIL							MAY						
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JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	